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GENE-RELATED DRUGS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows, prior to the calculation of the fees.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(amended) A solid preparation with a coating around the core containing a gene-related drug for oral administration with [releasability] releasability in lower digestive tracts, wherein the coating, not disintegrating in small intestines and has a double-coated structure of an inner layer comprising a cationic copolymer and an outer layer comprising an anionic copolymer.

5.(amended) The solid preparation for oral administration according to claim[s 2,] 3 [or 4] wherein the mixed ratio of the gene-related drug and the binder is 1:0.2-1:5 or the mixed ratio of the gene-related drug, the binder and the excipient is 1:0.2:0.01-1:5:1.

6.(amended) The solid preparation for oral administration according to claim[s] 4 [or 5] wherein the mixed ratio of the saccharide contained in the core containing the gene-related drug is in the range of 20-60 wt.%.